

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1 and 9 as follows.

Please cancel Claim 10 without prejudice and without disclaimer of subject matter.

1. (Currently amended) A bracket for a wall opening fall protection support system for use with a rail, the bracket comprising:

a ~~substantially planar~~ mounting portion having a contact surface having

a first end,

a second end distal from the first end, and

a middle portion between the first end and the second end, wherein the first end and the second end are substantially coplanar with the middle portion,
and

a top surface opposite the contact surface;

a fixed substantially planar support portion extending orthogonally from the top surface of the mounting portion; ~~and~~

a substantially planar retaining portion extending from the mounting portion, the retaining portion being substantially coplanar with the support portion; and

a fixed locking element extending from the retaining portion.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the mounting portion of the bracket lies on only one side of the plane defined by the support portion.

3. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein the support portion, the retaining portion, and the mounting portion define an opening for receiving the rail.
4. (Original) The system of claim 3, wherein the support portion, the retaining portion, and the mounting portion define an opening that is 2 inches by 4 inches.
5. (Original) The system of claim 3, wherein the support portion, the retaining portion, and the mounting portion define an opening that is 4 inches by 4 inches.
6. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a second mounting portion that is disposed at 90 degrees with respect to the mounting portion.
7. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the second mounting portion is coplanar with the support portion.
8. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the bracket further includes engagement means for inhibiting motion of the rail with respect to the bracket.
9. (Currently amended) A wall opening fall protection support system comprising:
 - a first substantially planar mounting portion having
 - a contact surface having
 - a first end,
 - a second end distal from the first end, and
 - a middle portion between the first end and the second end,
 - wherein the first end and the second end are substantially coplanar with
 - the middle portion, and
 - a top surface opposite the contact surface;

a fixed substantially planar support portion extending orthogonally from the top surface of the mounting portion;

a second substantially planar mounting portion disposed at 90 degrees with respect to the first substantially planar mounting portion and coplanar with the fixed substantially planar support portion;

a fixed substantially planar retaining portion extending from the mounting portion, the retaining portion being substantially coplanar with the support portion;

a fixed locking element extending from the retaining portion; and

a rail,

wherein the support portion, the retaining portion, the locking element and the second mounting portion define an opening for receiving the rail.

10. (CANCELLED)